

14 April 1969

The Honorable Mike Mansfield
United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C. 20510

My dear Senator Mansfield:

I have your letter of 21 March 1969 concerning Federal expenditures for research and development. Your letter suggests the submission of a draft bill to codify and update in one statement present Agency authority to conduct and sponsor research and development. It also requests information identifying the fields of science and engineering research in which this Agency is now active and in which our plans may require us to become active.

The statutory authority upon which this Agency relies for its research and development programs is found in Section 3 and 8 (formerly Section 16) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 208). This legislation is permanent in nature and well-suited to the Agency's needs. Therefore, from this Agency's standpoint, additional legislation would seem to be unnecessary and undesirable. If new general legislation were to be enacted however, we would hope that, in view of our unique requirements, it would include a provision that nothing contained therein would be construed so as to alter the above cited provisions of the Central Intelligence Agency Act, as amended.

My letter of 20 February 1969 to you pointed out the sensitivity of many CIA projects in this category. Our activities fall into the general fields of the physical sciences, engineering, psychology, and life sciences as set forth in Bureau of the Budget Circular A-46, as modified on 11 February 1969. We do not anticipate that our plans will require any changes in these fields in the foreseeable future.

I trust that this information is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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March 21, 1969

The Honorable Richard Helms, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Federal departments and agencies have asked for \$17.1 billion for research and development for fiscal year 1970, which is more than two and a half times President Roosevelt's total Federal expenditures for 1934; it is 70 percent greater than the total Federal expenditures in 1940. You can appreciate why Congress is very much interested in Federal outlays for research and development.

To better perform its overview functions for Federal research and development, we need benchmarks. One such benchmark can be provided by the answer to the question: "What research and development is presently authorized by law for the departments and agencies to carry out their statutory functions?"

We are aware that bits and pieces to the overall answer are to be found in the many laws that have organized departments and agencies, that have assigned specific research and development functions, and that have indirectly done so in authorizing legislation and in appropriations. One answer to the question would be simply to cite the various legislative authorizations for research and development. To do so, however, would not produce a coherent, whole statement of the authority for research and development each department and agency now believes it needs. A more useful form of answer would be a draft bill to codify and update in one statement present agency authority to conduct and sponsor research and development.

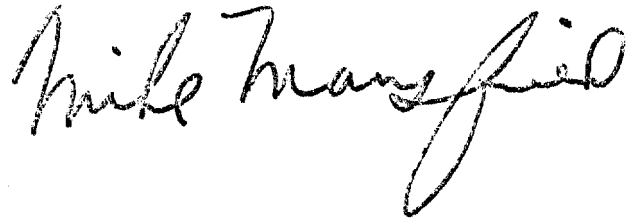
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I would appreciate the draft of such a bill for your organization. Also, when you submit it, I would appreciate your referring to the fields of science and engineering indicated in Bureau of the Budget Circular A-46 as modified on February 11, 1969, to show which of these fields your agency now is active in, and which your plans may require you to become active in.

I would appreciate this information by April 15, 1969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike Mansfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".